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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate William Garth, Sr.
4 for awarding college scholarships to black youth for 18 years
5 and congratulate the staff of the Citizen newspaper for serving
6 the black community for 45 years; and

7 WHEREAS, William Garth, Sr. currently serves as publisher
8 and CEO of the Chicago Citizen Newspaper Group and Garthco,
9 Inc.; he is also the Founder/Chairman of the QBG Foundation;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, William Garth, Sr. began his career with the
12 Citizen Newspaper in 1969 as an advertising sales
13 representative under the leadership of former Congressman Gus
14 Savage; in 1980, he purchased the Chatham Citizen, South End
15 Citizen, and Chicago Weekend; he later added the South Suburban
16 and the Hyde Park editions and founded Garthco Publications,
17 which published PUSH Magazine, a bi-monthly national
18 publication; and

19 WHEREAS, Under the direction of William Garth, Sr., Citizen
20 Newspapers has a total circulation of 121,000 and a weekly
21 readership of over 400,000; the newspapers' circulation areas
22 cover Chicago's South and West sides, as well as the South

1 Suburbs; and

2 WHEREAS, William Garth, Sr. is the first black person to be
3 elected President of the Illinois Press Association, the
4 state's largest newspaper association and the office trade
5 organization for Illinois' weekly and daily newspapers, and the
6 second black person in the nation to be elected president of a
7 statewide press association; he currently sits on the Board of
8 Government Affairs Committee of the Illinois Press Association
9 and has served as a board member for 15 years; he was elected a
10 stockholder in the Cook County South Suburban Publishers
11 Association; his business savvy and knowledge in the publishing
12 industry allowed him to also serve as Chairman of the Midwest
13 Black Publisher Association; and

14 WHEREAS, In December of 1998, William Garth, Sr. received
15 the honor of being appointed to Governor-elect George Ryan's
16 Transition Team; in appreciation of his role and the support
17 shown during the election, Governor-elect Ryan appointed him to
18 the Board of Directors for the Illinois Inauguration 1998,
19 Inc.; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1995, William Garth, Sr. founded the Quentis
21 Bernard Garth (QBG) Foundation in memory of his youngest son,
22 Quentis B. Garth, to provide scholarships to the
23 disenfranchised, college-bound youths of the Chicagoland area;

1 to date, the Foundation has helped 36 students realize their
2 dream of becoming college graduates and has underwritten the
3 education of 49 students, with 11 scholars currently enrolled
4 in colleges and universities across the country; the QBG
5 Foundation has disbursed close to \$1 million in scholarship
6 awards; and

7 WHEREAS, William Garth, Sr. is well known among his peers
8 as a dedicated activist and leader in the business community;
9 he serves in numerous positions within several business
10 organizations, including Chairman of the Chatham Business
11 Association, President of Midwest Region III of the National
12 Newspaper Publishers Association, Vice-Chairman of Advertising
13 with the National Newspaper Publishers Association, member of
14 the Transition Team for IDOT's Dan Ryan Project, board member
15 of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, member of the Far Southside
16 Business Association, and member of the NAACP, the Chatham
17 Lions Club of Chicago, and the Association of Black
18 Journalists; and

19 WHEREAS, William Garth, Sr. has received numerous awards
20 and honors from both local and national organizations; he also
21 served as a carrier of the Olympic Torch in Chicago during the
22 2002 Torch Relay; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate William Garth, Sr. for awarding college
3 scholarships to black youth and congratulate the staff of the
4 Citizen newspaper for serving the black community for over 45
5 years; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to William Garth, Sr. as a symbol of our esteem and
8 respect.